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SUBJECT:BIKINI RELOCATION

DOTA NO. 202-TT

1. TO HIGH COMMISSIONER WINKEL. REUR TTPI NO. 279 ON PRESS COVERAGE OF BIKINI RELOCATION DETAILED LETTER AIRMAILED TO YOU DATED JUNE 29 WHICH REQUESTED CERTAIN ADVANCE INFORMATION BY JULY 12, I.E., WHETHER SPECIAL FIELD TRIP SHIP CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE, ETC. SECRETARY'S OFFICE HAS REQUESTED WE RELEASE FROM HIS OFFICE AT LEAST PRELIMINARY INFORMATION ON PRESS COVERAGE BY JULY 12. DELIGHTED TO LEARN THAT NEIMAN CRALEY WILL COORDINATE AT YOUR END. OUR RECENT LETTER REPEATED PRELIMINARY INFORMATION GIVEN YOU AND DISTAD DE BRUM IN FORM OF THE APRIL 25 MEMORANDUM PREPARED FOR INTERIOR DIRECTOR OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS. THIS MEMORANDUM HAD PRELIMINARY LIST OF PRESS ENTITIES AND CONTACT NAMES. YOU WILL RECALL WE DISCUSSED THIS AT MEETINGS HERE PRIOR TO MAY 22 HEARING. IN EVENT OUR JUNE 29 LETTER HAS NOT REACHED YOU, GIST IS AS FOLLOWS:

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WE EXPECT UP TO TWELVE TO FIFTEEN DIFFERENT PRESS AND TV ENTITIES COULD BE REPRESENTED. YOU RECALL WHEN YOU WERE

HERE, WE DISCUSSED BRIEFLY THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING A SPECIAL SHIP UNDER CHARTER FOR THE PRESS TO RUN FROM MAJURO TO BIKINI TO KILI TO MAJURO. TOTAL COSTS WOULD BE

PRORATED AMONGST THE PRESS INDIVIDUALS. WE NEED TO KNOW AT ONCE WHETHER A FIELD TRIP SHIP COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE; THE NUMBER OF ACCOMMODATIONS; CABIN PLUS DECK; COST PER DAY OF A CHARTER, AND TOTAL TIME INVOLVED.

ALSO, BILL GIBSON HAS BEEN HIRED AS OUR YOUTH ACTIVITIES OFFICER TO TAKE OVER THOSE DUTIES THAT PEGGY ROCHE HAS BEEN HANDLING ON A PART-TIME BASIS. FORTUITOUSLY, BILL HAS HAD CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE AS A PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER IN LEAA, THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM, AND WITH THE GUAM TELEVISION AND RADIO SYSTEMS. BECAUSE OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF INQUIRIES OUR OFFICE AND THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE HAVE BEEN GETTING ON BIKINI, I HAVE ASSIGNED HIM TO WORK ON BIKINI/KILI PRESS MATTERS PART-TIME AND I AM HEREWITH VOLUNTEERING HIS SERVICES TO YOU (AT OUR EXPENSE) IN COORDINATING THE PRESS COVERAGE OF THE RELOCATION MOVE. THIS INCLUDES SENDING HIM TO THE MARSHALLS AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME TO HELP YOU IN DEALING WITH THE PRESS. I AM NOT BEING WHOLLY ALTRUISTIC, BECAUSE THIS WILL ALSO GIVE HIM A CHANCE TO VISIT ONE OR TWO OF THE YACC CAMPS IN THE TERRITORY AT THE END OF THE BIKINI RELOCATION ASSIGNMENT.

IN ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION ON NAMES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF NEWS MEDIA THE FOLLOWING PRESS GROUPS HAVE ASKED US FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON TRANSPORTATION AND INDICATE INTEREST IN COVERAGE. ALL ARE WASHINGTON OFFICES UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED:

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WASHINGTON POST-WALTER PINCUS-PHONE 223-7429

NBC TELEVISION-WALTER PINCUS-ACTING FOR NBC

JAPAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION-H. IWAMOTO-393-1076

NIPPON TELEVISION-MR. SHIBA AND MR. HIRABAYASHI-638-0890

FRENCH NATIONAL TELEVISION-DOMINIQUE BRAMBERGER-331-0688

YOMURI SHINBUM-T. IINUMA-783-0363

ASAHI SHINBUM-Y. MURAKAMI-783-0523

A.B.C. TELEVISION-KEVIN DE LANEY-393-7700

PARIS-MATCH MAGAZINE-PAUL SLADE-212-832-3131

NEW YORK TIMES-JOHN WILFORD-212-556-7485

NEW YORK POST-BRUCE BOTHWELL-212-349-5000

LIAISON AGENCY-FRANCOIS BOTA-212-247-5021

ADDITIONALLY, ABOUT FIFTEEN TO EIGHTEEN OTHER PRESS AND
RADIO AND TV MEDIA ENTITIES HAVE ASKED TO BE KEPT IN-
FORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS OF THE MOVE.

PLEASE CABLE US BY JULY 12 PRELIMINARY PLANS YOU BELIEVE
POSSIBLE FOR PRESS COVERAGE. MRS. RUTH G. VAN CLEVE,
DIRECTOR, OTA, SENDS. VANCE

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